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1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY MORNING PAPERS FEATURE BRITISH ELECTION; US RENEWS RELATIONS WITH EGYPT; ISRAEL TO GIVE KISSINGER BUFFER ZONE PLAN TODAY; ALSO JURY SEQUESTERED IN MITCHELL CASE, WAY THUS CLEAR FOR ANNOUNCING NEW WATER-GATE INDICTMENTS; ALSO WHITE HOUSE SEEKS TO NARROW IMPEACHMENT GROUNDS TO CRIMINAL ACTS OF A VERY SERIOUS NATURE THROUGH ST. CLAIR ANALYSIS. INSIDE WASHPOST HAS US TROOPS MAY QUIT KOREA.

2. KISSINGER. WASHPOST BERGER CAIRO SAYS US EGYPT RESUMED FULL DIPLOMATIC TIES TODAY AS KISSINGER ARRIVED TO SEEK SADAT'S HELP IN DISENGAGING ISRAELI AND SYRIAN TROOPS ON GOLAN HEIGHTS, BERGER ADDING SECRETARY ARRIVED FROM ISRAEL AND IMMEDIATELY WENT INTO THREE HOURS OF TALKS WITH SADAT WHO SAID HE HAD INVITED PRESIDENT NIXON TO VISIT EGYPT, WHICH PROBABLY MEANS INVITATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE, AL AHAM SAYING TRIP WILL BE IN APRIL. BERGER SAYS SADAT TOLD REPORTERS BEFORE PYRAMID OF CHEOPS: AFTER
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KISSINGER'S TIRELESS EFFORTS AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE FOR DIS-

ENGAGEMENT WE ARE BEGINNING A NEW ERA, SADAT ADDING THAT FOR FIRST TIME HE RECEIVED A FOREIGN VISITOR IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES

HE RECEIVED MY FRIEND DR. KISSINGER. BERGER SAYS SINCE US HAS HAD HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION PRACTICAL DIFFERENCE WILL BE LITTLE BUT AMERICAN FLAG WILL FLY IN EGYPT AGAIN. ACCORDING BERGER, US OFFICIALS SAID SYRIA NOW HOLDS KEY TO MIDEAST SETTLEMENT, EXPLAINING IF SYRIA GETS A DIS-ENGAGEMENT IT COULD BE THE FIRST RADICAL ARAB STATE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS POSSIBLE ON EGYPTIAN AND JORDANIAN FRONTS.

2A. NYTIMES JERUSALEM TERENCE SMITH REPORTS ISRAEL PLANS TO PROPOSE TODAY A DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIAN FRONT LINES WITHIN ENCLAVE OF SYRIAN TERRITORY CAPTURED BY ISRAEL IN OCTOBER WAR, RELIABLE ISRAELI SOURCES SAID. UNDER ISRAELI PLAN TO BE OFFERED TO KISSINGER TODAY, DEMILITARIZED ZONE WOULD BE MANNED BY UN TROOPS, AND ON EITHER SIDE THE TWO ARMIES WOULD AGREE TO THIN OUT THEIR FORCES AND WEAPONS. ISRAEL WOULD ALSO REPORTEDLY BE WILLING TO TURN OVER TO UN CONTROL THE TWO SYRIAN OUT-POSTS SHE SEIZED ATOP MOUNT HERMON IN OCTOBER. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO SPEND FIVE HOURS IN ISRAEL TODAY CONFERRING WITH GOLDA MEIR AND THEN FLY TO DAMASCUS WHERE HE WILL PRESENT ISRAELI IDEAS TO ASSAD. HIS FIRST TASK, SAYS SMITH, WILL BE TO GET TWO SIDES TO AGREE TO SUITABLE FORUM FOR CONTINUING TROOP DISENGAGEMENT TALKS. NOW THOUGHT UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA OR ON FRONT LINES, BUT AT THIRD STILL UNDISCLOSED LOCATION. ISRAEL IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY DIRECT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN TALKS, THUS OPPOSING GENEVA WHERE RUSSIA IS CO-CHAIRMAN, ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT PROPOSAL ALSO SAID TO CALL FOR BAN ON LONG-RANGE ARTILLARY IN THINNED-OUT AREAS ON EITHER SIDE OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND PROPOSE LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF ARMORED VEHICLES, TANKS AND MEN IN THINNED-OUT AREAS. KISSINGER IS SAID TO HAVE ADVISED BOTH SIDES THAT SOME SORT OF BUFFER ZONE WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

2B. NYTIMES CAIRO TANNER REPORTS SADAT IN ANSWER TO RE-UNCLASSIFIED

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PORTERS' QUESTIONS AFTER HIS MEETING WITH KISSINGER SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO PREDICT WHEN ARAB OIL EMBARGO AGAINST US WOULD BE EASED, ADDING IT WILL BE DISCUSSED BY ARAB OIL MINISTERS IN MARCH. US OFFICIALS EXPLAINED KISSINGER DECISION TO COME TO CAIRO AND FACT THAT HIS TALKS WITH SADAT STRETCHED FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS, REFLECTED HIGH ESTEEM KISSINGER HAS DEVELOPED FOR SADAT AND CRUCIAL ROLE HE THINKS EGYPTIAN EXAMPLE CAN SERVE IN FORTHCOMING DIF-

FICULT EXCHANGES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

3. KOREA. WASHPOST GETLER REPORTS THAT IN TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE, SCHLESINGER RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT US TROOPS MAY GRADUALLY BE WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA AND REPLACED BY A MOBILE RESERVE BASED ON GUAM AND HAWAII. THE TROOPS ARE PRESENTLY BASED IN KOREA FOR POLITICAL REASONS, SAID SCHLESINGER, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT CHINA MAY NOT BE ANXIOUS TO SEE THEM LEAVE BECAUSE OF SOVIET POWER IN THE AREA. CASEY

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